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DRAFTING EFFORT FOR EWG COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON LTDP

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SUMMARY: WE REPORT BELOW DEFAD LEGERE'S DISCUSSION WITH
KING-HARMAN, WHO HEADS THE IS DRAFTING EFFORT FOR THE
EWG'S COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. THE IS APPROACH STRIKES
US AS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE EWG AGREED (REF A) AND
CONSONANT WITH US VIEWS. END SUMMARY.
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1. AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWING THE EASTER
HOLIDAY, THE DEFAD (LEGERE) MET TUESDAY MORNING,
MARCH 28, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO DISCUSS THE
DRAFTING OF THE EWG'S COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE LTDP.
IN THE ABSENCE OF ASYG MUMFORD IN NORTH AMERICA, THE
DEFAD VISITED KING-HARMAN, WHO HEADS THE EFFORT MUMFORD
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HAS ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING THE FIRST
DRAFT REPORT.

2. KING-HARMAN SAID THAT THE DRAFT DOCUMENT WOULD
CONSIST OF A FOUR TO SIX PAGE REPORT TO HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT AND OF SUPPORTING ANNEXES, TWO PER TASK
FORCE. FOR EACH TASK FORCE, THE FIRST ANNEX WOULD

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CONTAIN TWO OR THREE PARAGRAPHS OF RATIONALE, FOLLOWED BY AN INVITATION "TO ACCEPT" SOME SPECIFIC MAJOR PROGRAMS. MAJOR PROGRAMS INCLUDED WOULD BE THOSE THAT HAD ENJOYED A DEGREE OF SUPPORT DURING THE EWG SUFFICIENT TO STRETCH NATIONS TO ACCEPT THEM. THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE ANNEX WOULD PROPOSE WHICH OF THE MAJOR PROGRAMS FOR THAT TASK FORCE SHOULD GO TO THE SUMMIT; THE OTHERS WOULD GO TO DEFENSE MINISTERS OR TO PERMREPS. THE SECOND ANNEX FOR EACH TASK FORCE WOULD PROPOSE A DISPOSITION FOR THE TASK FORCE'S LESSER RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. THE DEFAD SAID THAT THE IS' APPROACH SEEMED CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE EWG HAD AGREED (REF A), AND CONSONANT WITH US VIEWS. HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CLEAR THE DECKS OF EVERYTHING THAT NEED NOT GO EVEN TO MINISTERS. HE REMINDED KING-HARMAN OF THE SET OF WORK SHEETS HE HAD PROVIDED TO THE CHAIRMAN, EWG AND TO MUMFORD, WHICH INDICATED PRELIMINARY US VIEWS ON THE HANDLING OF THE VARIOUS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS (REF B), AND SUGGESTED THAT THESE WORK SHEETS MIGHT PROVE USEFUL TO THE IS DRAFTERS. KING-HARMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR POTENTIAL UTILITY. THE DEFAD ADDED THAT FOR THE FIRST DRAFT, AN INVITATION SIMPLY "TO ACCEPT" THE MAJOR PROGRAMS WAS PROBABLY THE BEST FORMULATION, LEAVING IT TO NATIONS TO PROPOSE QUALIFYING COMMENT, AS THEY NO DOUBT WOULD.
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4. RE TIMETABLE, KING-HARMAN AND THE RAPPORTEURS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TASK FORCES PLAN TO HAVE A FIRST CUT READY BY THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 30, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FULL DRAFTING GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NMAS. THE FULL DRAFTING GROUP WILL WORK INTO THE WEEKEND IN ORDER TO HAVE A DRAFT READY FOR MUMFORD MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 3. AFTER SOME FINAL SCRUBBING, THE IS WILL CIRCULATE THE DRAFT UNDER EWG CHAIRMAN PETRIGNANI'S SIGNATURE, BY APRIL 6, MEETING ITS OWN DEADLINE.

5. THE DEFAD HAD INTENDED TO TALK TO KING-HARMAN ABOUT THE IS' DRAFT REPORT ON FOLLOW-UP (PARAGRAPH 7, AC/281(LTP)-N(78)2 - TEXT IN REF C), BUT KING-HARMAN SAID THAT MUMFORD'S DIRECTOR FOR FORCE PLANNING, ROLF BRABAND, WAS HEADING THAT EFFORT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BRABAND IS TO PRESENT HIS DRAFT TO MUMFORD ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, 6 OR 7 APRIL. THE DEFAD WILL MEET WITH BRABAND ON THE SUBJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BENNETT

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